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HDPE foils



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Basic information

This declaration is the Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) based on EN 15804+A2 and verified according to ISO 14025 by an external auditor. It contains the information on the impacts of the declared construction materials on the environment. Their aspects were verified by the independent body according to ISO 14025. Basically, a comparison or evaluation of EPD data is possible only if all the compared data were created according to EN 15804+A2.

Life cycle analysis (LCA): A1-A3, C1-C4 and D modules in accordance with EN 15804+A2 (Cradle-to-Gate with options)

The year of preparing the EPD: 2024

Service Life: > 25 years

Product standard: EN 13967:2012, EN 13361:2004; EN 13362:2005; EN 13491:2004; EN; EN 13492:2004;

EN 13493:2005: EN 15382:2013

PCR: ITB-PCR A

Declared unit: 1 kg

Reasons for performing LCA: B2B Representativeness: Polish, European

MANUFACTURER

WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. was established as a result of separation of fast growing Plastic Products Division, which was part of OBR S.A. company, and as a consequence creation an independent economic unit. Its long-term practice in plastic products branch in connection with modern machine park, well qualified staff, advanced research and development facility allow WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. to deliver high quality products.

Thanks to the convenient location in the central Poland, in Płock – "the capital of Polish Chemical Industry", WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. has excellent access to the best materials. Additionally, the efficiently functioning national distribution network allows to quick realization of customer orders. The Quality Management System is compliant with PN-EN ISO 9001:2015 and PN-EN ISO 14001:2015.



Fig. 1. A view of the WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o.o. production plant located in Płock (Poland)

PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION

HDPE foils are intended for various applications resulting from the physical and mechanical properties of the product.

HDPE high density polyethylene foils are designed for the insulation of soil and underground parts, as well as for use during residential construction or for renovation rooms performing insulation and protection functions.

Scope of application:

- sealing of landfills,
- · sealing of tanks and swimming pools,
- insulation of waterproofing elements of buildings in contact with the ground,
- sealing within facilities related to storage and distribution of liquid fuels,
- sealing of flood control embankments,
- communications industry (sealing of roads and highways),
- · construction of tunnels and underground structures,
- sealing of ditches and drainage / retention reservoirs,
- roof insulation,
- · thermal and acoustic protection of floors,
- insulation barriers, and others.

Geomembranes that are permanently installed into ground have various functions resulting from design assumptions e.g. improvement of physical and mechanical properties of construction ground, strengthening slopes stability, changing values and filtration directions of ground waters, create solid waterproof and gas-tight screens in the ground environment. Geomembranes are barriers against chemical, physical and biological factors.





Fig. 2. HDPE foils production hall WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o.o. in Płock.

More information about HDPE foils can be found on WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o.o. website www.warterpolymers.pl

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – general rules applied

Declared Unit

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) - 1 kg of product of HDPE foils.

Allocation

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on general ITB-PCR A v. 1.6. Production of HDPE foils is a line process (Fig. 3) conducted in the factory of WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o., located in Płock (Poland). Allocation was done on product mass basis.

All impacts from raw materials extraction and processing are allocated in module A1 of the LCA. Impacts from the on-site line production WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. were inventoried and 54 % were allocated to the production of HDPE foils based on the annual production volume expressed in kg. Water and energy consumption, associated emissions and generated wastes are allocated to module A3. Packaging materials were taken into consideration.

The obtained results are representative average for all HDPE foils produced in different thicknesses at the Płock production plant.

System limits

The life cycle analysis (LCA) of the declared products covers: product stage – modules A1-A3, end of life – modules C1-C4 and benefits and loads beyond the system boundary – module D (cradle-to-gate with options) in accordance with EN 15804+A2 and ITB PCR A, v. 1.6. All materials and energy consumption inventoried in factory were included in calculation. Office impacts were also taken into consideration. In the assessment, all significant parameters from gathered production data were inventoried and were included in the calculations, i.e. all material used per formulation, utilised thermal energy, internal fuel and electric power consumption, direct production waste, water consumption and all available emission measurements.

It can be assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 5% of all impact categories. In accordance with EN 15804+A2, machines and facilities (capital goods) required for the production as well as transportation of employees were not included in LCA.

Modules A1 and A2: Raw materials supply and transport

HDPE granulate, dyes, colouring concentrates and others additives used to produce HDPE foil and packaging materials come from local and external suppliers. Raw materials come from Polish and international suppliers. Data on transport of the different products to the manufacturing plant is collected and modelled for factory by assessor. Means of transport include big trucks (>16 t) are applied. Based on data provided by the manufacturer, all input of transport resources was inventoried in details.

Module A3: Production

The production is done by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. plants in Płock, Poland. A scheme of HDPE foils production process is presented in Fig. 3. The facility is ISO 9001 and 14001 certified.

Modules C1-C4 and D: End-of-life (EoL)

The deconstruction of HDPE foils is assumed to be done with the demolition of the whole structure, so that impacts from the HDPE foils deconstruction are negligibly small. Therefore, no contribution in terms of impact of C1 module is reported. It is assumed that the end-of-life product, 100% of HDPE foils, will be transported to waste treatment plant which is 100 km away, on 16-32 t lorry EURO 5 (module C2). No reuse, energy/material recovery or recycling of the HDPE foils is intended therefore C3 module is not reported (equal to 0). After the end of use 100% of the product would end up in

landfill. End-of-life scenario was summarized in Table 1. Benefits and potential credits are assessed when substitution of primary raw material takes place. As HDPE foils and their parts are not recyclable this modulus is not declared.

Table 1. End-of-life scenario for HDPE foils manufactured by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o.

Material	Waste processing (energy / material recovery)	Landfilling
HDPE foil	0 %	100 %

Data quality

The data selected for LCA analysis originate from ITB-LCI questionnaires completed by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. using the inventory data, ITB database, Ecoinvent database v. 3.10 and KOBiZE. KOBiZE data is supplemented with Ecoinvent v. 3.10 data on the national electricity mix impact where no specific indicator data is provided. No specific data collected is older than five years and no generic datasets used are older than ten years. The representativeness, completeness, reliability, and consistency are judged as good.

Data collection period

Primary data provided by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. covers a period of 01.2022 – 12.2022 (1 year). The life cycle assessments were prepared for Poland and Europe as reference area.

Assumptions and estimates

The impacts of the representative of HDPE foils were aggregated using average weights. Impacts were inventoried and obtained results are calculated as a representative average for all HDPE foils produced in different thicknesses. The density conversion factor for HDPE foil is 0.94 g/cm³.

Calculation rules

LCA was performed using ITB-LCA tool developed in accordance with EN 15804 + A2.

Databases

The data for the processes comes from Ecoinvent v. 3.10 and ITB-Database. Specific data quality analysis was a part of external audit. Polish electricity mix used (production) is 0.685 kg CO₂/kWh (KOBiZE 2023).

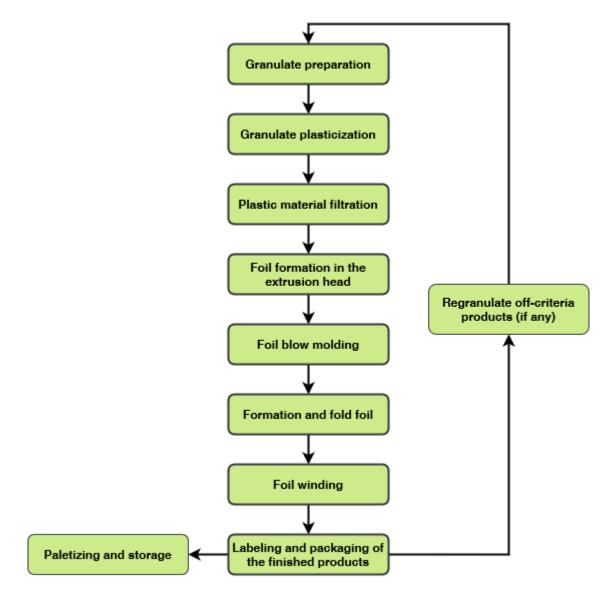


Fig. 3. The scheme of the HDPE foils industrial process by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) - Results

Declared unit

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) - 1 kg of HDPE foils manufactured by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o.

Table 2. System boundaries for the environmental characteristic of HDPE foils production process by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o.

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Produ	uct sta	ige		truction ocess			L	Jse sta	ge				End	of life		Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to construction	Construction- installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse- recovery- recycling potential
A1	A2	А3	A4	A 5	B1	B2	В3	В4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	С3	C4	D
MD	ДW	QМ	MND	MND	QNW	QNW	QNW	QNW	QNW	MND	MND	MD	QW	MD	ДW	MD

Table 3. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of HDPE foils manufactured by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. – environmental impacts (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	А3	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Potential	eq. kg CO ₂	2.08E+00	6.95E-02	3.91E-01	2.54E+00	0.00E+00	1.47E-02	0.00E+00	1.05E-01	0.00E+00
Greenhouse gas potential - fossil	eq. kg CO ₂	2.10E+00	6.92E-02	3.89E-01	2.56E+00	0.00E+00	1.46E-02	0.00E+00	1.05E-01	0.00E+00
Greenhouse gas potential - biogenic	eq. kg CO ₂	-2.32E-02	2.37E-04	2.47E-03	-2.05E-02	0.00E+00	4.99E-05	0.00E+00	7.51E-05	0.00E+00
Global warming potential - land use and land use change	eq. kg CO₂	4.33E-03	2.72E-05	1.36E-04	4.49E-03	0.00E+00	5.73E-06	0.00E+00	5.63E-06	0.00E+00
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	eq. kg CFC 11	9.35E-08	1.60E-08	9.30E-09	1.19E-07	0.00E+00	3.38E-09	0.00E+00	2.54E-10	0.00E+00
Soil and water acidification potential	eq. mol H+	6.62E-03	2.81E-04	4.14E-03	1.10E-02	0.00E+00	5.93E-05	0.00E+00	7.00E-05	0.00E+00
Eutrophication potential - freshwater	eq. kg P	4.15E-04	4.65E-06	7.06E-04	1.13E-03	0.00E+00	9.82E-07	0.00E+00	1.05E-06	0.00E+00
Eutrophication potential - seawater	eq. kg N	1.34E-03	8.48E-05	5.90E-04	2.02E-03	0.00E+00	1.79E-05	0.00E+00	2.33E-04	0.00E+00
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	eq. mol N	1.35E-02	9.25E-04	5.07E-03	1.95E-02	0.00E+00	1.95E-04	0.00E+00	2.85E-04	0.00E+00
Potential for photochemical ozone synthesis	eq. kg NMVOC	1.13E-02	2.83E-04	1.42E-03	1.30E-02	0.00E+00	5.98E-05	0.00E+00	1.24E-04	0.00E+00
Potential for depletion of abiotic resources - non- fossil resources	eq. kg Sb	1.83E-05	2.45E-07	5.62E-07	1.91E-05	0.00E+00	5.18E-08	0.00E+00	2.21E-08	0.00E+00
Abiotic depletion potential - fossil fuels	MJ	6.48E+01	1.03E+00	6.48E+00	7.23E+01	0.00E+00	2.17E-01	0.00E+00	2.19E-01	0.00E+00
Water deprivation potential	eq. m³	5.75E-01	4.75E-03	1.29E-01	7.09E-01	0.00E+00	1.00E-03	0.00E+00	1.04E-03	0.00E+00

Table 4. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of HDPE foils manufactured by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. – additional impacts indicators (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Particulate matter	disease incidence	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235	eg. kBq U235	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems	CTUe	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (non-cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential soil quality index	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	

INA – Indicator Not Assessed

Table 5. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of HDPE foils manufactured by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. - environmental information describing waste categories (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A 1	A2	А3	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Consumption of renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	2.01E+00	1.47E-02	4.60E-01	2.49E+00	0.00E+00	3.11E-03	0.00E+00	3.28E-03	0.00E+00
Consumption of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	3.39E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.39E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Total consumption of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	2.35E+00	1.47E-02	4.61E-01	2.83E+00	0.00E+00	3.11E-03	0.00E+00	3.28E-03	0.00E+00
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	2.90E+01	1.03E+00	6.77E+00	3.68E+01	0.00E+00	2.17E-01	0.00E+00	-3.42E+01	0.00E+00
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	3.59E+01	0.00E+00	2.70E-02	3.59E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.44E+01	0.00E+00
Total consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	6.49E+01	1.03E+00	6.86E+00	7.27E+01	0.00E+00	2.17E-01	0.00E+00	2.19E-01	0.00E+00
Consumption of secondary materials	kg	1.80E-02	3.45E-04	5.18E-04	1.89E-02	0.00E+00	7.27E-05	0.00E+00	7.90E-05	0.00E+00
Consumption of renewable secondary fuels	MJ	4.49E-03	3.80E-06	2.84E-06	4.49E-03	0.00E+00	8.01E-07	0.00E+00	1.48E-06	0.00E+00
Consumption of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Net consumption of freshwater resources	m ³	1.50E-02	1.29E-04	2.14E-03	1.73E-02	0.00E+00	2.73E-05	0.00E+00	-3.25E-03	0.00E+00

Table 6. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of HDPE foils manufactured by WARTER POLYMERS Sp. z o. o. - environmental aspects related to resource use (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	А3	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste. neutralized	kg	1.30E-01	1.15E-03	2.36E-05	1.31E-01	0.00E+00	2.43E-04	0.00E+00	3.86E-04	0.00E+00
Non-hazardous waste neutralised	kg	1.83E+01	2.05E-02	3.95E-02	1.84E+01	0.00E+00	4.32E-03	0.00E+00	4.36E+00	0.00E+00
Radioactive waste	kg	4.45E-05	7.08E-06	6.24E-06	5.78E-05	0.00E+00	1.49E-06	0.00E+00	5.40E-08	0.00E+00
Components for reuse	kg	0.00E+00								
Materials for recycling	kg	5.81E-04	3.18E-06	4.98E-04	1.08E-03	0.00E+00	6.71E-07	0.00E+00	3.70E-06	0.00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	3.49E-06	2.57E-08	5.58E-08	3.57E-06	0.00E+00	5.43E-09	0.00E+00	1.51E-08	0.00E+00
Energy exported	MJ	5.21E-02	1.14E-03	1.84E-02	7.17E-02	0.00E+00	2.41E-04	0.00E+00	4.61E-05	0.00E+00

Verification

The process of verification of this EPD is in accordance with ISO 14025 and ISO 21930. After verification, this EPD is valid for a 5-year-period. EPD does not have to be recalculated after 5 years, if the underlying data have not changed significantly.

The basis for LCA analysis was EN 15804+A2 and ITB PCR A								
Independent verification corresponding to ISO 14025 (subclause 8.1.3.)								
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Normative references

- ITB PCR A v. 1.6 General Product Category Rules for Construction Products
- EN 13967:2012 Flexible sheets for waterproofing Plastic and rubber damp proof sheets including plastic and rubber basement tanking sheet Definitions and characteristics
- EN 13361:2004 Geosynthetic barriers Characteristics required for use in the construction of reservoirs and dams
- EN 13362:2005 Geosynthetic Barriers Characteristics required for use in the construction of canals
- EN 13491:2004 Geosynthetic barriers Characteristics required for use as a fluid barrier in the construction of tunnels and underground structures
- EN 13492:2004 Geosynthetic barriers Characteristics required for use in the construction of liquid waste disposal sites, transfer stations or secondary containment
- EN 13493:2005 Geosynthetic barriers Characteristics required for use in the construction of solid waste storage and disposal sites
- EN 15382:2013 Geosynthetic barriers Characteristics required for use in transportation infrastructure
- ISO 14025:2006 Environmental labels and declarations Type III environmental declarations
 Principles and procedures
- ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services
- ISO 14044:2006 Environmental management Life cycle assessment Requirements and guidelines
- ISO 15686-1:2011 Buildings and constructed assets Service life planning Part 1: General principles and framework
- ISO 15686-8:2008 Buildings and constructed assets Service life planning Part 8: Reference service life and service-life estimation
- ISO 20915:2018 Life cycle inventory calculation methodology for steel products

- EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 Sustainability of construction works Environmental product declarations –
 Core rules for the product category of construction products
- ISO 14067:2018 Greenhouse gases Carbon footprint of products Requirements and guidelines for quantification
- EN 15942:2012 Sustainability of construction works Environmental product declarations
 Communication format business-to-business
- KOBiZE Emissions (CO₂, SO₂, NO_x, CO and total dust) from electricity, 2023

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CERTIFICATE Nº 658/2024 of TYPE III ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

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